The Results Are In!

Mayor William Benton, Council Member Jacob Balderas & Council Member Kevin Raines were sworn in at the June 18 City Council Meeting. Mayor Benton was sworn in by Representative Phil Stephenson of the House of Representatives, Councilor Raines was sworn in by his son-in-law Joseph Becerra & Councilor Balderas was sworn in by his friend, attorney Lewis White.

Mayor Benton was reelected Mayor during the May 4 election. Council Member Balderas was reelected to At-Large Position 1 for a second term & Council Member Raines was newly elected to At-Large Position 2 as a result of votes in the June 8 runoff election. Councilor Raines was also elected Mayor Pro Tem at the meeting.

You Ask. CITIZEN RELATIONS Answers!

Have an issue, need to report a concern or have a question about the City? Citizen Relations is here to help! Responding to our citizens is a vital part of our everyday activities at the city of Rosenberg! Citizen Relations was created as a “one stop” point of contact for non-emergency city information. The Citizen Relations Coordinator receives citizen inquiries and concerns and routes them to the correct City Department where they will be responded to and handled in a timely manner. If you have a question about City services or need more information about #Rtown, we encourage you to contact Joan Pippenger, Citizen Relations Coordinator at 832-595-3301, or stop by City Hall located at 2110 4th Street from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday, or 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays. For after-hour non-emergencies, you may leave a voicemail at the number above. For emergencies, please dial 911.

“During my career as a Rosenberg Police Officer, I recall many encounters with all classes of individuals who made up this great community. I believed my limitations as a police officer only allowed me to serve the citizens of Rosenberg so far. It will be an honor to advocate and ensure the objectives of all citizens are represented & heard by a fresh voice.” -Councilor Kevin Raines

Rosenberg City Council Members serve staggered two year terms of office. Districts 1, 2, 3 & 4 are elected in even-numbered years, and the Mayor, At-Large 1 and At-Large 2 are elected in odd numbered years. Representatives are limited to three consecutive terms of office by City Charter.
**SUMMER SAFETY TIPS**

Stay safe this summer!

**Summer is here!** With the right precautions, summer can be a fun, relaxing and safe time! Here are some helpful tips on how to keep you and your family safe:

**HEAT SAFETY** Beat the Heat! Everyone is at risk for heat related illnesses, but children and adults over 65 are especially prone to heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Always wear sunscreen and a hat, wear loose fitting, light-colored clothing, drink plenty of fluids to stay hydrated and avoid strenuous activities during the hottest part of the day. Never leave people or pets alone or unattended in a closed car.

**WATER SAFETY** Swimming is a great recreational sport that can be enjoyed by people of all ages, but it’s important to know how to be safe while you’re in and around the water. Sadly, drowning is among the leading causes of accidental death in children. Never leave a young child unattended near water, maintain constant supervision & avoid distractions when supervising children. Swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards and keep young children within arm’s reach of an adult. Never swim alone. Empty all tubs, buckets, containers and kiddie pools immediately after use. Know what to do in an emergency. Learning CPR and basic water safety skills may help you save a life.

**TRAVEL SAFETY** Summer vacation season means more individuals and families setting out on road trips of all kinds. Statistics indicate that distracted driving from phone use occurs most frequently during the summer, nearly 10 percent more than any other time of year. In Texas, state law prohibits drivers from reading, writing or sending electronic messages on mobile phones while driving. Put your phone down and out of reach. Pull over to a safe location & stop if you must answer. The Texas law also requires everyone in a vehicle to buckle up or face fines and court costs up to $200. Children younger than 8 years must be in a child safety seat or booster seat unless they’re taller than 4 feet 8 inches. If they aren’t properly restrained, the driver faces fines up to $250 plus court costs. The Rosenberg Police Department hosts annual Child Car Seat Safety Checks by appointment. Call 832-595-3700 for details.

**Water Conservation Tips**

Saving water saves you money!

Saving water is easier than you think. In addition to saving money on your utility bill, you’re also helping the environment! Here are some helpful ways you can save water both indoors and outdoors:

**INDOORS:**
- Never use more water than necessary to complete a task.
- Fix leaks on faucets, sinks and toilets.
- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Turn off water while brushing teeth or shaving.
- Install low-flow showerheads and toilets.
- Keep a container of cold water in the refrigerator instead of waiting for water to cool from faucet.
- Fill sink halfway to rinse produce instead of rinsing one at a time under running water.
- When using a dishwasher or washing machine, always be sure to have a full load before running a cycle.

**OUTDOORS:**
- Swimming pools should be covered when not in use so water does not evaporate.
- Water lawns only when needed at the first signs of wilt & water early in the morning or late at night to prevent evaporation.
- Never water on windy days - this causes water to evaporate more quickly.
- Use a drip irrigation system for shrubbery and flower beds.
- Water hoses should have a trigger nozzle.
- Use mulch around trees, plants and gardens to retain moisture.
- Save rainwater for plants. A rain barrel is a great option.
- Use a timer when watering lawns to prevent over-watering and run-off.
- When using a sprinkler, be sure to adjust the spray to water only where needed for vegetation and not on sidewalks or paving.
- Instead of hosing down sidewalks and driveways, sweep or use a leaf blower.

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**OUR GOVERNMENT**

The city of Rosenberg operates in a Council-Manager form of government in which the City Council sets the policy and overall direction for the City, and appoints a professional City Manager and other key officials to oversee the City’s daily operations.

**CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor: William T. Benton
At-Large 1: Jacob E. Balderas
At-Large 2: Kevin Raines (Mayor Pro Tem)
District 1: Isaac Davila
District 2: Steven M. DeGregorio
District 3: Lisa M. Wallingford
District 4: Richard Olson

**CITY MANAGER**

John Maresh

**MEETINGS**

City Council meets regularly in public session the first, third and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The meeting agendas are available on the City’s website. Council meetings may also be viewed live on Comcast 18 or at rosenbergtx.gov/TV

**MISSION STATEMENT**

To anticipate community needs and deliver exceptional service, and to cultivate an enhanced quality of life through leadership, innovation and cooperative partnerships.

**NUMBERS TO KNOW**

- Animal Control: 832-595-3490
- Citizen Relations: 832-595-5001
- Customer Service (Utilities): 832-595-3400
- Police Dispatch (Non-Emergency): 832-595-3700
- Republic Services (Solid Waste): 713-726-7300

**COUNCIL CORNER:**

Missed a City Council Meeting? Don’t worry! You can now find the new “Council Corner” section in your Rosenberg Insider for important updates that occurred during the previous month’s Council meetings.

- Ordinance 2019-30 was amended to establish regulations related to basketball goals in the public right-of-way, providing a penalty for any violations.
- Rosenberg Police Dept. was awarded a high-profile safety vehicle from the Defense Logistics Agency.
- The 2018 International Building, Residential, Plumbing, Mechanical, Fuel Gas, Swimming Pool & Spa, & Existing Building Codes, & the 2017 Electrical Code was adopted along with a new schedule of fees.
- The speed limit on Kay Cee Dr. was set at 25 mph from Highway 36 to 1,160 feet.
- Speed humps were installed on Ave. O between 4th & 6th Streets.
- Intersection of 5th St. & Ave. O has been converted to a 4-way stop.
- Residential Over 65 Exemption & Disabled Persons Exemption were increased under Ordinance No. 2019-34 saving qualified individuals $64.50 per year.
- Rosenberg Fire Dept. was awarded a $6,638 grant for a replacement generator at Fire Station 1.
DOWNTOWN STOMP

Take in the wine and the shopping of the 7th Annual Downtown Stomp. This August the Downtown Stomp returns with wine tasting and shopping, all while discovering Historic Downtown Rosenberg. Wine aficionados and novices are invited to enjoy wine tasting, after-hours shopping and dining on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2019, from 5-9 p.m. Enjoy food, desserts, antique shopping, fashion boutiques, hand-crafted custom furniture and other unique items the Downtown Rosenberg shops have to offer. Over 22 businesses are participating as official wine tasting venues and patrons will be able to vote on their favorite wine as part of the People’s Choice Award! The Fort Bend County Fair has partnered with the Rosenberg Arts Alliance District to host the Downtown Stomp & the Rosenberg Main Street Program is a proud event sponsor. Get your tickets now by visiting: fortbendcountyfair.com

2nd Annual TASTE OF ROSENBERG

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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Visit rosenbergtx.gov to confirm meetings and events, as well as public notices and meeting agendas.

- 7/16/2019 6:30 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting City Hall
- 7/23/2019 6:30 p.m. City Council Workshop Meeting City Hall
- 8/3/2019 5:00 p.m. Downtown Stomp Downtown Rosenberg
- 8/5/2019 5:30 p.m. Taste of Rosenberg Rosenberg Civic Center
- 8/6/2019 6:30 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting City Hall
- 8/20/2019 6:30 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting City Hall
- 8/26/2019 Lamar CISD First Day of School City Hall
- 8/27/2019 6:30 p.m. City Council Workshop Meeting City Hall
- 9/7/2019 10:00 a.m. Ride to Rosenberg Car Show Downtown Rosenberg